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Exhibit R-2a, RDT&E Project Justifica					tion			Date: February 2003	
Appropriation/Budget Activity				Project Name and Number					
RDT&E, D BA1				* Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive					
		Research (DEPSCOR)							
				PE 0601114D8Z					
Cost (\$ in millions)	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	
DEPSCOR/ P 114	16.824	16.455	0	0	0	0	0	0	

## A. Mission Description and Budget Item Justification:

B. Accomplishments/Planned Program:

	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Research	16.824	16.455	0	0

## FY 2002 Accomplishments:

(U) The Department of Defense awarded \$15.7M in grants for research/infrastructure support to 29 academic institutions in 16 states, including Puerto Rico, to perform research in science and engineering fields important to national defense. Proposals were competitively selected by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, the Army Research Office, the Office of Naval Research, and the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization (Science and Technology Directorate) to receive an average of \$291K each year over the three year grant period. The DEPSCOR is designed to expand research opportunities to states that have traditionally received the least funding in federal support for university research.

## FY 2003 Plans:

- (U) This is a congressionally mandated program that will continue to be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the goals established in the authorizing legislation and at a level of performance directly proportional to the funding that is annually adjusted by Congress. Research proposals from eligible states will be competitively selected for funding.
- \* Beginning in FY 2004, Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (DEPSCOR) PE 0601114D8Z will be transferred to the Army under PE-0601114A for management and execution responsibility.

C. Other Program Funding Summary: None

D. Acquisition Strategy: NA

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<sup>\*</sup> Beginning in FY 2004, Defense Experimental Program to Simulate Competitive Research (DEPSCoR) program will be transferred to the Army Research Office under PE-0601114A for management and execution responsibility and will result in a more appropriate policy-level role for OSD.